

metrics can be shown to be valid, relevant, and reliable for assessing hazard and risk, they can be and are incorporated into new and revised OECD test guidelines. In the meantime, nothing prohibits Tweedale or “independent, curious academics” from providing a full study report and all raw data from their studies to regulatory agencies, as is routinely done for GLP studies, especially given that supplying underlying data will likely be a future requirement of journals (see Hanson et al. 2011).

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ERRATA

In the Abstract of their article “Estimating Water Supply Arsenic Levels in the New England Bladder Cancer Study” [*Environ Health Perspect* 119:1279–1285 (2011)], Nuckols et al. reported the following results:

Three methods accounted for 93% of the residential estimates of arsenic concentration: direct measurement of water samples (27%; median, 0.3 µg/L; range, 0.1–11.5), statistical models of water utility measurement data (49%; median, 0.4 µg/L; range, 0.3–3.3), and statistical models of arsenic concentrations in wells using aquifers in New England (17%; median, 1.6 µg/L; range, 0.6–22.4).

The authors have revised the measurements using a more accurate method for calculating the median (weighted by person-years) and for reporting the range (25th–95th percentile) based on the values reported in Table 1 of the article, which are correct. The revised measurements are as follows:

Three methods accounted for 93% of the residential estimates of arsenic concentration: direct measurement of water samples (27% EY; median weighted by person-years = 0.3 µg/L; 25–95th percentile range: 0.1–20.7 µg/L), statistical models of water utility measurement data (49% EY; weighted median 0.4 µg/L; range, 0.2–3.8 µg/L), and statistical models of arsenic concentrations in wells using aquifers in New England (17% EY; weighted median: 1.7 µg/L; range, 0.5–30.5 µg/L).

The revisions do not change the study's primary results, discussion, or conclusions. Nowhere else in the article is the range in concentration by water supply source summarized by broad source categories.

In the article by Balazs et al. [*Environ Health Perspect* 119:1272–1278 (2011)], Equation 1 was incorrect. The corrected equation appears below.

$$PEP_b = \sum_{i=1}^{327} (X_i \times s_{ib} / S_{it}), \quad [1]$$

EHP apologizes for the error.

The November Focus article “Mountaintop Removal Mining: Digging into Community Health Concerns” [*Environ Health Perspect* 119:A476–A483 (2011)] erroneously stated that mountaintop removal mining is the major form of coal mining in West Virginia and Kentucky. Although mountaintop removal is a major form of coal mining in these states, underground mining still dominates, accounting for 59% of 2009 coal production in both West Virginia and Kentucky, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (<http://www.eia.gov/cneaf/coal/page/acr/table2.html>). *EHP* regrets the error.